COUNTY OF SAN LUIS OBISPO BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AGENDA ITEM TRANSMITTAL

(1) DEPARTMENT Planning and Building	(2) MEETING DATE June 13, 2006	(3) CONTACT/PHONE Ted Bench, Planner I (805) 781-5701	II
(4) SUBJECT Request to approve an agreement (Clerk's File) with Rincon Consultants, Inc. to prepare an Environmental Impact Report for the proposed San Luis Obispo County affordable housing ordinances.			
(5) SUMMARY OF REQUEST San Luis Obispo County will prepare and consider new affordable housing ordinances, which, if adopted, would be incorporated as general plan amendments into the Land Use Ordinance and Coastal Zone Land Use Ordinance. An RFP was distributed with regards to the preparation of an Environmental Impact Report for the proposed ordinances. Rincon Consultants, Inc. was chosen based on their experience in EIR preparation for such ordinance amendments.			
(6) RECOMMENDED ACTION It is recommended that the Board of Supervisors approve, and that the Chairman sign the agreement (Clerk's File) with Rincon Consultants, Inc.			
(7) FUNDING SOURCE(S) Federal CDBG funds, County General Funds	(8) CURRENT YEAR COST N/A	1 3. 1	10) BUDGETED? Yes No N/A
(11) OTHER AGENCY/ADVISORY GROUP INVOLVEMENT (LIST): Community Advisory Councils, Workforce Housing Coalition and Home Builders Association			
(12) WILL REQUEST REQUIRE ADDITIONAL STAFF? No Yes, How Many? Permanent Limited Term Contract Temporary Help			
(13) SUPERVISOR DISTRICT(S) 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, All		(14) LOCATION MAP Attached N/A	(15) Maddy Act Appointments Signed- off by Clerk of the Board N/A
(16) AGENDA PLACEMENT Consent Hearing (Time Est) Presentation Board Business (Time Est)		(17) EXECUTED DOCUMENTS Resolutions (Orig + 4 copies) Ordinances (Orig + 4 copies) N/A	
(18) NEED EXTRA EXECUTED COPIES? Number: Attached N/A		(19) APPROPRIATION TRANSFER REQUIRED? Submitted 4/5th's Vote Required N/A	
(20) OUTLINE AGREEMENT REQUISITION NUMBER (OAR) 190000194 .		(21) W-9	(22) Agenda Item History N/A Date
(23) ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE REVIEW			



SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING AND BUILDING

VICTOR HOLANDA DIRECTOR

TO: BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

FROM: TED BENCH, AICP, PLANNER III

VIA: ELLEN CARROLL, ENVIRONMENTAL COORDINATOR

DATE: JUNE 13, 2006

SUBJECT: REQUEST TO APPROVE AN AGREEMENT (CLERK'S FILE) WITH RINCON

CONSULTANTS, INC. TO PREPARE AN ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT FOR THE PROPOSED SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY AFFORDABLE

HOUSING ORDINANCES

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board of Supervisors approve, and that the Chairman sign the agreement (Clerk's File) with Rincon Consultants, Inc.

DISCUSSION

San Luis Obispo County will prepare and consider new affordable housing ordinances, which, if adopted, would be incorporated as general plan amendments into the Land Use Ordinance and Coastal Zone Land Use Ordinance. An RFP was distributed with regards to the preparation of an Environmental Impact Report for the proposed ordinances. Rincon Consultants, Inc. was chosen based on their experience in EIR preparation for such ordinance amendments.

Specifically, the EIR will evaluate the potential impacts related to County adoption of an inclusionary housing ordinance, revisions to residential development standards (i.e., smaller lot sizes in the Residential Single Family land use category), and a minimum density requirement for certain parcels in the Residential Multi-Family land use category (i.e., minimum 20 units per acre). A draft EIR is expected to be available for public review by the fall of 2006. The response to public comments and resulting draft document revisions will be handled quickly, and it may be possible to begin public hearings as soon as March, 2007.

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT/IMPACTS

Community Advisory Councils, Workforce Housing Coalition and Home Builders Association.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

The Department of Planning and Building receives an annual distribution of federal Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds, a portion of which can be used for Planning and Capacity Building expenditures. The Department has allocated the project's CDBG funds into Fund Center 290. The Department has also allocated a portion of its General Funds to this project (in Fund Center 142). The total project cost is \$115,044, of which \$25,000 will come

from the Department's General Funds, and the balance will be paid with CDBG funds. This total amount includes the \$3000 needed to pay for an option (a Mitigation Monitoring Plan) if the County determines that this option is necessary to make the EIR document complete.

RESULTS

Upon approval of this contract Rincon will be authorized to prepare an EIR that evaluates the potential impacts of the proposed affordable housing ordinances, in conformance with the requirements of CEQA and the County.

